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Hempstead Harbor Aquatic Habitat Restoration

**Town of North Hempstead,
Nassau County, New York**

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The aquatic ecosystem of the study has experienced degradation as a result of increased urbanization of the surrounding upland areas. The primary contributors to the loss of aquatic and wetland habitats are filling/bulkheading activities surrounding the Harbor, increased sediment loading, and nutrient and contaminant runoff from the upland areas into the tributaries of the Harbor. These impacts are reflected in the apparent degraded nature of remaining habitats in and surrounding the Harbor. The proposed project consists of several separate features targeted to restore specific areas of degradation, including outfall extension, creation of low tidal marsh habitat, removal of riprap, and the creation of storm water treatment marsh.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of WRDA 1996

STATUS: An environmental restoration feasibility study is underway and is scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Year 2005. The subsequent steps would call for the preparation of plans and specifications prior to project implementation.

STUDY COST: \$750,000

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